



# News

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### WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of May 20 thru May 26, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 803 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**GARAGE FIRE** - On May 20 at 9:47 p.m. on the 1200 block of Matilda Street fire companies were called to a report of a garage fire. Upon arrival they found and extinguished a fire in a detached two-car garage. A vehicle inside the structure was damaged. The residents used a charcoal grill earlier in the evening then placed inside the garage near the area of origin. Damage is estimated at \$25,000 with \$10,000 damage to the vehicle.

**ARSON** – On May 21 at 11:10 a.m. on the 900 block of Sylvan Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of a garage fire. Upon arrival they found heavy fire conditions venting from the garage. They quickly extinguished the fire. This fire was intentionally set. Damage is estimated at \$45,000.



An intentionally set fire caused \$45,000 in damage to this garage.

**ARSON** - On May 22 at 1:02 p.m. on the 600 block of Cottage Avenue East fire companies were called to a report of smoke coming from a garage. Upon arrival they found and extinguished a small fire in a detached 1 1/2 car garage. The house was vacant and the garage had no contents. Crews forced the service door and the overhead door. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.

- If you have information about **ANY** arson fire in Minnesota, please call the **ARSON HOT LINE** at 1-800-723-2020. Awards up to \$5000 are available and you can remain anonymous.

**DECK FIRE** - On May 23 at 2:35 p.m. on the 1900 block of Hampshire Avenue fire companies quickly extinguished a small fire on the outside deck of a home. The owner had been smoking meat in an electric smoker and dumped ashes from the smoker in the garbage can on the deck. A short while later there was a fire in the trash can. Damage is estimated at \$900.

**STABBING** - On May 24 at 5:48 p.m. on Rice Street & Winnipeg Avenue a 25 year old man sustained a self- inflicted wound. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**ARSON** - On May 25 at 6:30 p.m. on the 500 block of Kent Street fire companies were called to a report of the exterior of a house on fire. They arrived to find a small exterior fire up against the staircase. A neighbor saw flames and called 9-1-1. Damage is estimated at \$500.

**GARAGE FIRE** - On May 25 at 6:38 p.m. on the 2000 block of Nokomis Avenue fire companies were originally called for a report of an uncontrolled burn. While enroute, the assignment was upgraded for a garage fire. Firefighters arrived to find a fully involved garage fire extending to two automobiles and a neighbor's shed. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$5,000 and \$12,000 to the vehicles.



**STABBING** - On May 25 at 2:22 a.m. on the 800 block of Woodbridge Street a 28 year old man stabbed himself with a knife. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**NEAR DROWNING** – Two young boys were rescued by paramedics and firefighters after they were found unconscious in an abandoned in-ground swimming pool at 2:30 p.m. at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Arundel St.

**COOKING FIRE** – On May 26 at 7:01 p.m. on the 1200 block of Woodbridge Street fire companies were called to a report of a stove top fire that was out. Upon arrival they found an extinguished small fire on an electric stove top that had extended to the hood vent and cabinets above. The occupant's guest was cooking on the right front burner and left the area; when he returned he saw flames, which he eventually was able to knock down with an extinguisher and some flour. Damage is estimated at \$2,500.



- Careless cooking is the leading cause of building fires.
- ALWAYS stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove.
- NEVER put water on a grease fire. It will EXPLODE into a ball of fire! Watch this dramatic demonstration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUa12l3YbTQ>

**GUN SHOT WOUND** - On May 26 at 11:32 p.m. on the 1600 block of Conway Street a 31 year old man sustained a self-inflicted gun shot wound. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.